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President's Report

Ken Venables - President

On behalf of the Board of Directors I take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy, happy and successful 2013.

It is that exciting time of the year again when the football season we have all been looking forward to is almost upon us. Our Senior Coach, Marc Webb, has been coordinating very impressive pre-season sessions since full scale training resumed on January 17.

A great feeling continues within the player group on the back of another incredibly successful year in 2012, two magnificent league and reserves Premierships to repeat 2011 and all three sides once again making the finals. Whilst this year will continue to be another challenge, both on and off the field, we have an enormous amount of depth and young talent coming through the ranks and I am confident we can look forward to 2013 with great anticipation.

A big thank you to our major sponsors for 2012, the Coles Group incorporating Kmart and Target, and I am delighted to announce that Coles will continue its generous sponsorship again this year. Our special thanks to Wesfarmers' Managing Director and CEO Richard Goyder.

It is with pleasure that we welcome to the Board this year, as fully fledged Directors, Club record holder Darrell Panizza and Jarrod Ryan.

Both gentlemen were co-opted on to the Board at the start of 2012. We also welcome Sam Drabble to the Board this year as a co-optee. Sam is a descendant of the famous Drabble Hardware family business which was located in Bay View Terrace.

There is a huge year ahead of us off the field with the demolition of our clubrooms at the end of the season. We currently have in place a very competent Board with huge enthusiasm and vision preparing to take on the huge task of an interim move and what we believe to be a sustainable financial future for this great club with the redevelopment of our "new home".

Tony Evans, one of our favourite sons, has again been appointed as Chairman of our Football Affairs Committee and together with Darrell Panizza and Football Operations Manager Dean Horsington will report to the Board on football matters.

As most of you would be aware many meetings and discussions have taken place since the end of October when the WAFL partnering club concept was announced by the WA Football Commission involving the alignment of our two AFL Clubs, the West Coast Eagles with East


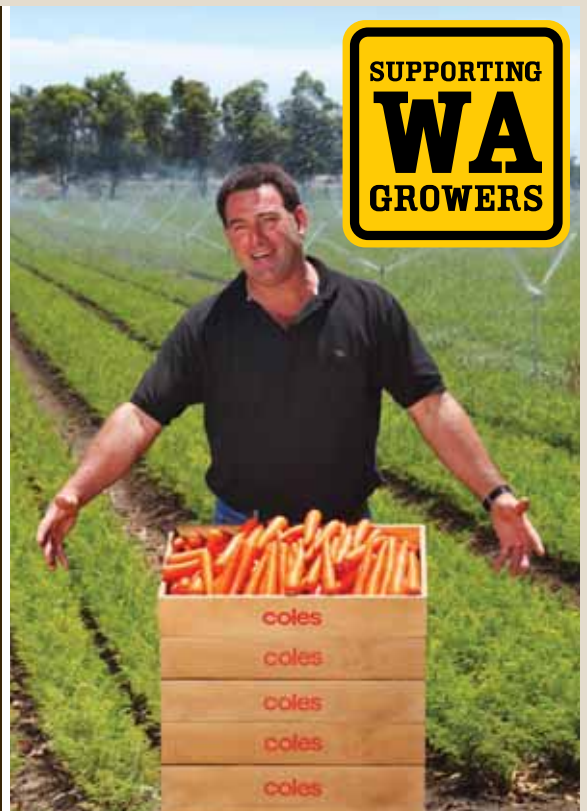
Perth and the Fremantle Dockers with Peel. Whilst this decision was made by the football commission to involve both East Perth and Peel no other WAFL Club was invited to participate and nor were we consulted prior to the decision being announced. I must add however that this football club was not, at any stage, interested in becoming involved.

However, having said that, we now need to embrace the 45 to 50 AFL players from the West Coast Eagles and Fremantle Dockers who play in our competition and continue to build the WAFL as the best second tier competition in the nation.

Just a reminder that our initial fundraiser for 2013, the annual Corporate Classic, will be held on Thursday 7th March. Should anyone be able to assist by attracting new [and existing] participants to the draw please contact Penny on 9384 9200 who will be delighted to follow up.

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Tigers are ready to meet the Challenge

By Ken Casellas

Fifteen players who represented Claremont in league ranks in 2012, including seven members of the premiership side, will be absent this year.

On the surface this loss of talent, representing a total of 905 senior matches, should cause irreparable damage and leave giant holes in the side. And casual observers would be excused if they glanced at this significant loss of personnel and declared that the Tigers had little hope of bringing up a hat-trick of league premiership flags in 2013.

But that is far from the case. The Claremont Tigers are poised to meet the challenge head-on and there is a wonderful air of optimism at Claremont Oval.

Senior coach Marc Webb sees it as an exciting time and says that the Tigers certainly are capable of winning the WAFL league premiership for the third year in a row. "That's the challenge and I'm really looking forward to seeing the seven, eight, nine or ten guys who have been here as reserves players for the past two or three years step up," he says.

"Many of those players have been part of Claremont's winning reserves premiership sides over the past three years and they have all been crying out to play senior footy. Now that opportunity is there for them. Who are the players who are going to put their hand up? Who is going to be the next Kane Mitchell, the next Tom Lee?"

"I have no doubt that our best team on the park will be the equal and as competitive with any other team in the competition."

Indeed, Claremont will feel the great loss of stars like Mitchell and Lee, as well as stalwarts of the calibre of Rory Walton, Lewis Stevenson and others. "Players of Lee and Mitchell's ilk don't grow on trees, but the reality is that you love that, as a coach, that they have earned the chance to perform at AFL level," Webb said. "Hopefully, they and Stevenson will have outstanding AFL careers. They leave with the best wishes from Claremont."



"The loss of these players, and others, certainly does leave holes. But all clubs do have turnovers. They're good to have. You lose guys who have been in premiership sides and now the onus is on the guys who have been in a couple of reserves premierships.

"We don't want to panic and buy players. We've got to continue to develop our players from within as well as recruiting one, two or maybe three quality players every year who can add a bit to the side. Then we should rely on our home-grown players, players like Jack Bradshaw and Matt Davies."

Webb singled out Davies, Bradshaw and Ryan Neates as being among the most impressive at pre-season training. Neates and Anton Hamp are back at Claremont after being delisted by the West Coast Eagles and are keen to produce good football for the club. Tom Swift also has lost his Eagles contract and will not play this year.

Also back in the fold this year are Blake Anderson, Nick Chidgzey, Casey Sibosado, Nick Winmar (delisted by St Kilda) and Luca Berardini and additions to the senior squad include former West Coast and Sydney Swans ruckman Mark Seaby, utility player John Williams (a grandson of Pam and John O'Connell and on Essendon's list for three years), Gibson Turner, a dynamic small forward from the Northern Territory who played 16 VFL matches last year with the Coburg Tigers when he was on Richmond's rookie list, and Liam Smith, a midfielder from Perth.

"It's not going to be a walk-up for any player," Webb said. "We've got a pool of about 30 guys. We've lost some great players and now there is the opportunity for everyone. It will depend on who puts his hand up. No-one has been promised a position or a game."

One player who is under surveillance is 25-year-old Richard Cronin, a regular

member as a key defender in the club's reserves side for the past three years. With the retirement of Brandon Franz he is capable of breaking into league ranks. "Richie is training hard to give himself the best chance," Webb said. "He is one spot away from playing league footy and this is a make-or-break year for him."

Webb flagged the strong probability of playing two ruckmen (Seaby and Mitch Andrews) in the side this year, with one playing predominately as a forward. Seaby and Williams have stood out with their form on the training track.

"Williams has great athletic attributes and he is one who could surprise," Webb said. "We haven't yet pigeon-holed a position for him, mainly because he looks very flexible."

While there has been quite an exodus of players, due to drafting to AFL clubs and to retirement, a strong nucleus of experienced men remains. Heading this group are Andrew Browne, Luke Blackwell, David Crawford, Andrew Foster, Trinity Handley, Chad Jones and Paul Medhurst.

"We don't want a mass turnover; you never do; you want it incrementally," Webb said. "It is good to keep older, experienced players to help tide us over so that the guys who are coming up can get support."

"It has been a great ride for the players and supporters over the past two years with two league premierships. There is a lot of change and it is important that we keep developing."

Webb said that he enjoyed his first year as a coach and that Claremont winning the WAFL premiership and Foxtel Cup was a wonderful experience. "There is no doubt that the club was left in great hands for me to come in and for the boys to adapt to the things that I wanted was most gratifying. And we were lucky enough to have success. It's a great thing for the boys to enjoy."

Webb was rewarded for his performance as a coach in 2012 by being chosen to coach the WA side in a match against Victoria at Northam on May 11. "The Vics have had the wood over WA for a long time and now it's our turn to show that there is a lot of quality in the WAFL."

Wayne Orsi will be Claremont's midfield coach this year, with Clay McLernon (a member of Claremont's league premiership side in 2011) replacing Orsi as the defensive coach. Nigel Wilson will be in charge of the forwards and Shane Paap, a former teammate of Webb at Subiaco, will work as a match-day assistant.

"It's a really good thing to have Clay on board," Webb said. "He's got a good footy brain and he's the type of player who becomes a good coach. He was a disciplined player who worked hard, and he's a good communicator. It's always good to have a player straight out of the game coming into coaching because he provides a good conduit to the playing group and he comes with fresh ideas as well."



Seaby all set to go with the Tigers

By Ken Casellas

Mark Seaby has experienced the highs and lows of football, playing in a winning and a losing AFL grand final, and he is now keenly looking forward to his next phase in the game, returning to WAFL ranks in 2013 as Claremont's star recruit.

The 28-year-old Seaby, a towering ruckman and a veteran of 120 AFL matches, is excited at the prospect of lining up with the Tigers this year as the club aims to achieve a third successive league premiership.

"I'm quite happy to move away from the AFL now and concentrate on my work outside of football and to enjoy my footy at Claremont," he said. "I still want to play footy at the highest level I am able to and I'm really looking forward to my time at Claremont. The guys here have been fantastic and really welcoming. It's been a good pre-season."

Seaby, born in the north eastern wheatbelt town of Mukinbudin and brought up on the family farm, started his WAFL career with West Perth before playing 102 matches with the West Coast Eagles and 18 with the Sydney Swans in nine seasons in the AFL system.

He was disappointed when delisted by Sydney at the end of last season, but was happy to be able to return to Western Australia with his wife Aleesa and their two-year-old daughter Eva. Several WAFL clubs were interested in gaining his services and after a few discussions with

Claremont's football operations manager Dean Horsington and a good chat with coach Marc Webb he opted for the Tigers.

"We are living in Nedlands and Claremont was the best fit for me," he said. With Andrew Ruck deciding to move on and continue his playing days in the country, Seaby and Mitch Andrews will be in charge of the ruck duties at Claremont. "It would be great for two big guys to fit into the one team and to spend time in the forward line," Seaby said. "I can't see why this won't work and it will be great if we can get a good synergy going. I played a couple of games with Mitch at West Perth in 2009."

Seaby freely admits that he learnt a great deal about the art of ruck play from his former West Coast teammate Dean Cox, saying: "The most I learnt from him was when I had to oppose him at training." He also declared that enjoyed training and playing with Sydney ruckmen Shane Mumford and Mike Pyke. And he is fulsome in his praise of Adam Goodes, whom he describes as a great leader on and off the field and a fabulous player with the ability to single-handedly change the course of a game.

"I always found playing against David Hille and Aaron Sandilands presented a huge challenge," he said. "And now there is all these young guys coming through. They're so athletic; they're tall and they can run. Ruckmen are definitely evolving into big athletic guys like Zac Smith and Matthew Leuenberger.

As a youngster Seaby concentrated on basketball and football and he represented WA at under-16 carnivals in both sports. He also was a member of the State under-18 football side at the 2001 national carnival when his teammates included current Claremont players Andrew Browne, David Crawford and Nick Chidzey.

"Back at home I played for the Muka Rams before I came to the city as a boarder at Scotch College in years ten, 11 and 12," he said. "Mukinbudin was in West Perth's zone and I started playing colts for them in my final year at Scotch. I was drafted by the Eagles when I was 18.

"It was fantastic to play in two AFL grand finals. That's what you play football for, to get those opportunities." He has vivid memories of the 2005 grand final against Sydney in front of 91,898 fans at the MCG. In the final ten seconds of the match he was in the goalsquare as Cox booted the ball high towards a massive pack of players, including a high-leaping Seaby.

It was then that Swans defender Leo Barry launched himself from the side of the milling pack to mark the ball moments before the final siren sounded with the Swans triumphant by four points. Twelve months later Seaby played in front of a crowd of 97,431 when the Eagles held on to beat the Swans by a point in the 2006 grand final.

Seaby played in only five matches for the Eagles in 2009, causing him to reassess his goals in football. He decided to reinvigorate his career and joined the Swans. "I didn't think I was going to fit into West Coast's future plans and I thought it was time to move on," he said.

He inherited the No. 1 jumper from retiring champion Barry Hall and made a tremendous start with his new club, starting in the ruck and gaining 94 hit-outs in the first five rounds. He soared to gain the knock at the opening bounce of the round-six match against Brisbane at the SCG. But he landed heavily and fractured a bone in his left ankle on the rock hard cricket pitch." He limped from the ground and was unable to play again that year.

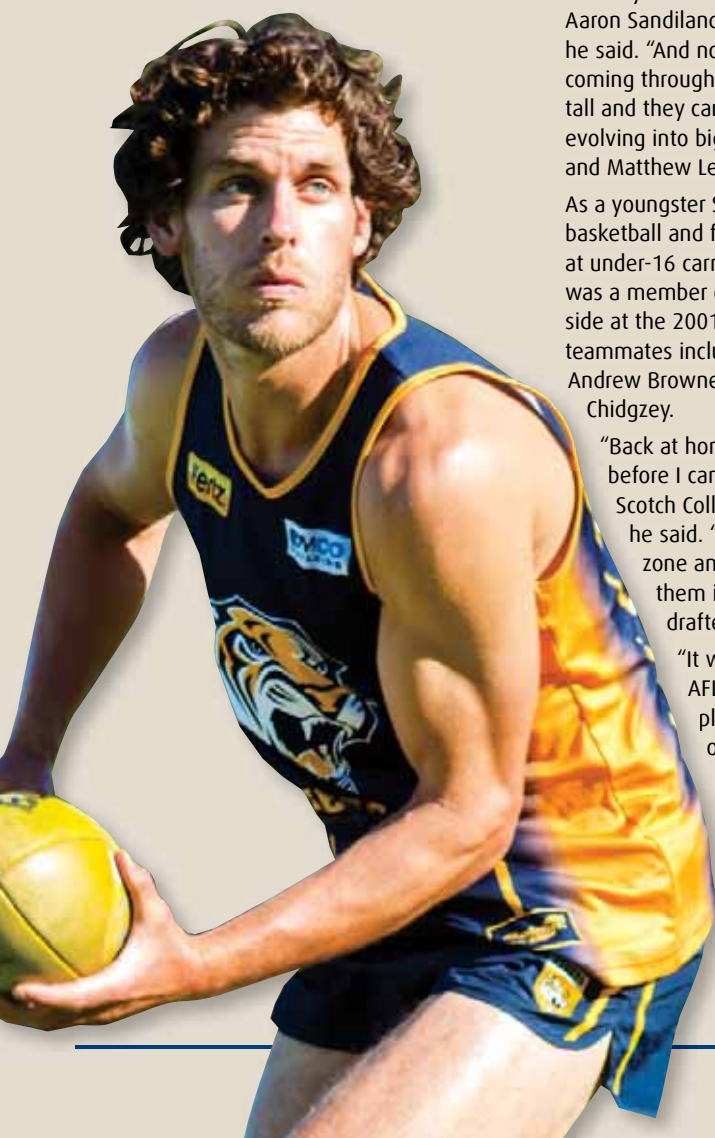
"That was it; season over," he said. "I had an operation and three pins were inserted in the ankle." Seaby worked hard in the following pre-season and played in all of Sydney's three NAB Cup fixtures before being the sub in the side's first-round AFL match, a draw against Melbourne at the MCG.

"They realised that ruckmen were not very good as subs, so I didn't get another game until midway through the season," Seaby said. "It was pretty competitive with Mumford and Pike for a spot in the side." He played seven AFL matches for the year and eight for the club's reserves side in the NEAFL competition.

Seaby said that he was the fittest he had ever been after a splendid pre-season preparation for the 2012 program. "I played a few games at the start of the season, but unfortunately I was injured midway through the year," he said. "I strained a calf muscle and then with the pressure to get back into the side I tried to come back too early and re-injured the leg. And that was curtains for the year."

Seaby was at the MCG last September and said it was extremely exciting to watch his teammates win the grand final by ten points over Hawthorn. "About a week later I got the axe from Sydney which was disappointing," he said. "I love Perth and the lifestyle here. I've signed with Claremont for two years and after that I'll make a decision on my future in football."

He is about to start his pre-apprenticeship before becoming an apprentice plumber with Claremont assistant league coach Wayne Orsi.



CFC Redevelopment Update



The exciting vision for Claremont Northeast Quarter is slowly coming to life.

Planning for our state-of-the-art club rooms is almost complete, we have a design application lodged with the Town of Claremont and are on target to demolish the current building in October, after the WAFL finals.

The new facility is designed by Oldfield Knott and will have a range of features not available in our current building:

- Commercial gymnasium of 1500 sq m over two floors at the southern end
- 3 to 4 cold baths and large rehab spa for 10 (for CFC players)
- Player lounge/kitchen and computer stations in an area of 80 sq m
- Unisex and disabled toilets – (for home-and-away changerooms and umpires)
- Drug test room and secure store
- Café/restaurant (ground floor)
- Two large function rooms for weddings and large social events (2nd floor)
- CFC sportsmen’s/members bar, including TAB facilities (2nd floor)
- CFC Hall of Fame/foyer area
- Sponsors lounge and sponsors boxes (3rd floor)
- Boardroom for 24 people (3rd floor)
- Possible sky deck (3rd floor)
- District & Past Players meeting rooms
- Coaches and media boxes, and facilities for TV- OB, umpires and stats-keeping

We would like to see the facility become the hub of all sporting and community events

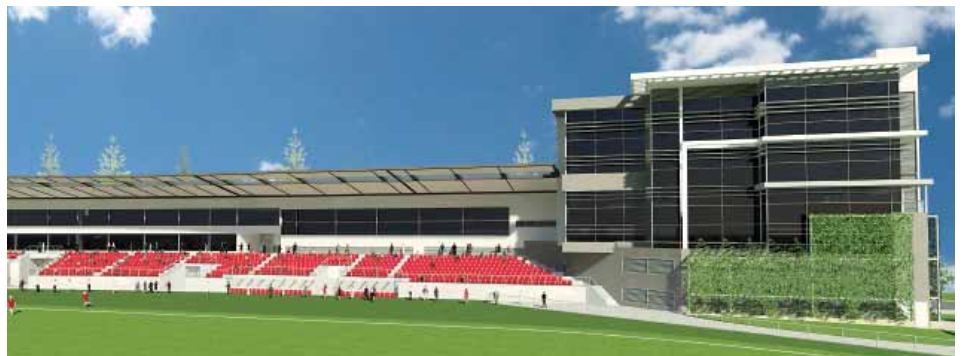
The Club has restructured the role of CEO Todd Shimmon to enable him to administer the new redevelopment. Todd’s new duties include overseeing site works around the oval, attending Project Control Group meetings for the new facility and finding accommodation for the club for the 18 months of the building period.

He will continue to oversee all elements of the club with football manager Dean Horsington running all football operations. Directors Darrell

Panizza and Tony Evans will oversee football and Don Pyke also will be involved with the Football Affairs Committee.

The club believes this will be a wonderful community facility.

We emphasise the word community because we would like to see the facility become the hub of all sporting and community events in the western suburbs. We want to embrace the community and make sure everyone feels welcome at our new home ground.



Above and right are perspective views of all angles of the new facility.

Weedon aiming for another Tigers flag

By Ken Casellas

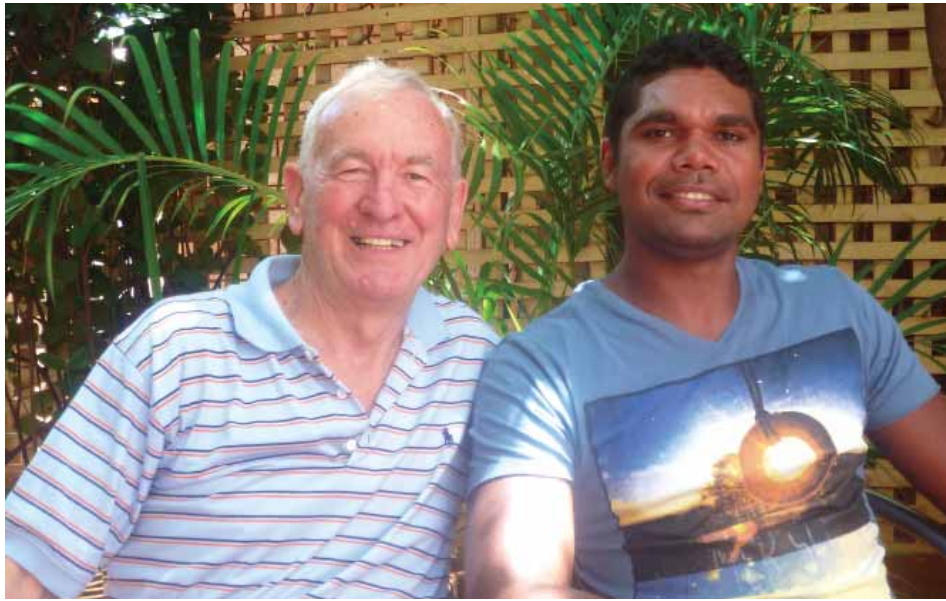
Gerrick Weedon, who has the rare distinction of playing in five premierships sides with Claremont, is taking a break from city football this year and is looking forward to helping the Tigers --- the Derby Tigers --- to win the 2013 flag in the West Kimberley League competition.

The 21-year-old Weedon, disappointed at being delisted by the West Coast Eagles at the end of the 2012 season, is living in Derby where his partner Leah presented him with a beautiful daughter Jerayah on February 1.

"I'm trying to catch up on some sleep and I aim to chill out this year before returning to Claremont to play with the Tigers in 2014," he

said. "I have applied for a few jobs and I'm also pretty happy getting back to doing a lot of fishing, chasing goannas on the Roebuck Plains and catching some bush turkey.

"I've just caught a metre-long barramundi. We run down the goannas and they get scared and we dong them on the head. They taste like chicken."



Ken Casellas and Gerrick Weedon

Weedon, a robust, hard-tackling and versatile player, has been a member of five Claremont premierships sides, the colts in 2009, the reserves in 2010, the league in 2011 and 2012 as well as the Foxtel Cup last year. He has been on West Coast's list for the past three years, playing in nine NAB Cup matches and making one AFL appearance, against Essendon at the Docklands, wearing the No. 44 jumper of his hero and former Eagles star David Worrall. He also wore No. 44 for Claremont, for whom he has played 47 senior matches.

A former Broome player and a student at Clontarf for two years, Weedon is determined to help Derby to win the 2013 premiership to help the club make amends for its six-point defeat at the hands of Cable Beach in the 2012 grand final. He represented WA in the national under-18 carnival in 2009 and was also chosen in the WAFL colts team of the year that season.

Weedon has taken part in a mentoring course at TAFE and has a firm belief that he can help young people with family problems, particularly problems involving alcohol. He is a strong advocate for young indigenous people to attend school regularly and one of his main aims is to assist youngsters to follow their dreams.

His parents William and Louanne are teetotalers and have wielded a strong influence on Gerrick and his two brothers and two sisters. At Claremont and at West Coast Weedon has always shown a most commendable attitude and he readily concedes that his discipline is something instilled in him by his father.

Keifer Yu, a shining light and role model

Keifer Yu, tough and uncompromising on the football field and charming and unassuming off it, continues to develop into a wonderful role model.

Recently he completed his three-year apprenticeship in carpentry and joinery and received several training awards. And at the recent Kimberley Conference, the Claremont Football Club used him as a case study, describing him as self-driven and easy to manage.

Among the awards bestowed on the 21-year-old Yu were the most outstanding third-year apprentice from the Master Builders Association, a finalist in the Group Training Australia's Indigenous Apprentice of the Year Award and a finalist in the Department of Finance's Most Outstanding Apprentice.

Lisa Legena, manager of Skill Development and Group Training, Skill Hire WA, praised Yu, saying: "Keifer has excelled in his on-the-job and off-the-job training. His carpentry skills are to a high standard and it has been wonderful to see him acknowledged for his efforts.

"He is a great role model to other young indigenous people who may be thinking of undertaking a trade qualification."

Yu, born in Broome and a student at Hale School from years seven to 12, graduated through the ranks of Claremont's various development squads and also was a member of the Kimberley Spirit team in the colts competition in the Landmark championships. He was a member of Claremont's colts premierships side in 2009 and made his league debut in 2010 and played in reserves premierships sides in the past three seasons.

A series of injuries in the past few years have prevented him from making more than just nine appearances in the senior side. At various times he has been laid low by knee, ankle and arm injuries as well as a serious shoulder injury he suffered when crashing to the ground after flying skywards in an attempt to take a spectacular mark on the scoreboard wing at Claremont Oval.

He is a real favourite at Claremont and Tigers fans are looking forward to him enhancing his reputation as a footballer this year.



Keifer Yu

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Events and Functions in 2013

MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT	WHERE
FEBRUARY	Saturday 23rd	Reserves 8.00am League 10.30am	RESERVES & LEAGUE SCRATCH MATCH - Claremont Vs Swan Districts	Claremont Oval
	Thursday 28th Feb	6.00pm	COLTS SCRATCH MATCH - Claremont Vs Swan Districts - 4 x 25 minutes	Claremont Oval
MARCH	Saturday 2nd	Reserves 4.30pm League 7.00pm	SCRATCH MATCH - East Perth vs Claremont	Medibank Stadium, Leederville
	Wednesday 6th	6pm	WAFC Hall of Fame Dinner	Exhibition Centre
	Thursday 7th	5.30pm – 9.00pm	Corporate Classic Cocktail Party, League Jumper Presentation & Player Auction	CFC Members Lounge [catering: Katrina Sykes]
	Friday 8th	6.45pm	COLTS SCRATCH MATCH - Subiaco vs Claremont	Medibank Stadium, Leederville
	Saturday 9th	Reserves 4.30pm League 7.00pm	SCRATCH MATCH - Subiaco vs Claremont	Medibank Stadium, Leederville
	Thursday 14th	6pm	CFC Colts Jumper Presentation	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 16th	All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs South Fremantle	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 30th	All Day	AWAY GAME - Swan Districts vs CLAREMONT	Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean
APRIL	Saturday 6th	All Day	AWAY GAME - East Perth vs CLAREMONT	Medibank Stadium
	Saturday 6th	7pm	CFC PLAYERS – Ladies Night	Claremont Oval
	Friday 12th	Colts 4.15pm League 6.45pm	AWAY GAME - Subiaco vs CLAREMONT	Medibank Stadium
	Saturday 13th	Reserves 9.30am	AWAY GAME - Subiaco vs CLAREMONT	Medibank Stadium
	Saturday 20th	All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs West Perth	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 20th	5pm – 6pm	HOME GAME - CFC Members Sausage Sizzle	Claremont Oval – Dollars Deck
	Saturday 27th	All Day	AWAY GAME - Peel Thunder vs CLAREMONT	Bendigo Bank Stadium, Mandurah
	Tuesday 30th	8am to 12noon	CFC Junior Holiday Clinic	Claremont Oval
MAY	Saturday 4th	All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs Perth	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 11th	Tba	STATE GAME - WA vs Victoria	Northam
	Saturday 18th	All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs Perth	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 18th		CFC DISTRICT - Junior Parade Day	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 18th	5pm – 6pm	HOME GAME - CFC Members Sausage Sizzle	Claremont Oval – Dollars Deck
	Saturday 25th	All Day	AWAY GAME - South Fremantle vs Claremont	Fremantle Oval
JUNE	Sunday 2nd	WA DAY – All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs Subiaco	Claremont Oval
	Sunday 8th	All Day	AWAY GAME - West Perth vs CLAREMONT	Arena Joondalup
	Saturday 15th	All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs Peel Thunder	Claremont Oval
	Tuesday 18th	7.00pm	FOXTEL CUP - CLAREMONT vs Southport or Bernie	Patersons Stadium
	Thursday 20th	Tba	GROWLING TIGER - End of Financial Year function	tba
	Saturday 29th	All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs East Fremantle	Claremont Oval / Kununurra depending on CES Funding
JULY	Sunday 6th	NAIDOC WEEK	AWAY GAME - South Fremantle vs CLAREMONT	Fremantle Oval
	Tues & Wed 9th & 10th	8am to 1pm	CFC July School Holiday Clinic	Claremont Oval
	Thursday 11th to 14th	All Day	WA Country Week	Various Venues
	Saturday 13th	All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs Swan Districts	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 13th	5pm – 6pm	HOME GAME - CFC Members Sausage Sizzle	Claremont Oval – Dollars Deck
	Tuesday 18th	TBA	FOXTEL CUP	TBA
	Saturday 27th	All Day	AWAY GAME - Subiaco vs CLAREMONT	Medibank Stadium
AUGUST	Saturday 3rd	All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs East Perth	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 3rd	5pm – 6pm	HOME GAME - CFC Members Sausage Sizzle	Claremont Oval – Dollars Deck
	Tuesday 6th	TBA	FOXTEL CUP	TBA
	Friday 9th	5.30pm	CFC Banquet Auction	Sportsmans Bar & Members Lounge
	Sunday 11th	All Day	Auskick Gala Day	City Beach Oval and Charles Riley Oval
	Saturday 18th	All Day	HOME GAME - CLAREMONT vs Swan Districts	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 24th	All Day	AWAY GAME - Perth vs CLAREMONT	Brownes Stadium
	Saturday 31st	All Day	AWAY GAME - East Fremantle vs CLAREMONT	East Fremantle Oval
SEPTEMBER	Weekend of 7th & 8th	All Day	WAFL 1ST & 2ND SEMI FINAL	TBA
	Weekend 14th & 15th	All Day	WAFL PRELIMINARY FINAL	TBA
	Thursday 19th	TBA	GROWLING TIGER - Finals Function	TBA
	Sunday 22nd	All Day	WAFL GRAND FINAL	Patersons Stadium
	Saturday 28th	All Day	Perth Royal Show Parking – DAY 1	Claremont Oval
	Saturday 28th	All Day	AFL Grand Final	Melbourne
OCTOBER	Friday 4th	7.00pm	CFC Club Champion Awards	CFC Members Lounge
NOVEMBER	Friday 29th		CFC Annual Report & 2014 Membership Renewals	
DECEMBER	Thursday 12th	6.00pm	CFC AGM	CFC Members Lounge
	Friday 20th		Club Closes for the festive season.	

Coaches play pivotal role in player development

Dan Barnes - District Manager

The pathway for players to reach the AFL is very clear and highlighted when a player gets drafted. More often than not a player will begin their journey by taking part in their local community club's AFL Auskick centre. They then progress through the different age groups. Once they reach the age of 14 they will be introduced to the 'Talented Player Pathway' by getting selected in their regional development squad. All going well they will continue to develop and be selected in the under 15s and 16s squad and then progress to playing colts football for their state league club. Along the pathway they additionally may be given the opportunity to represent their state in National under 16s and 18s championships and be put in front of the eyes of AFL club recruiters.

Coaches too have a clear pathway and can be classified as the 'Unsung Hero' in assisting players reach their goal of being drafted into the AFL system or represent their state league club at colts, reserves or league level.

Players who have reached the top in their football have obviously got a level of natural ability which has got them to a certain level. From here it is where the role of the coach plays an important role. Regardless of the level of coach (community, development or state squad) their 'mantra' is to develop all the players in their side. They perform this by identifying key areas in which the player needs to develop, continue to develop their strengths and play them in a variety of roles and positions to broaden their knowledge and education of the game and importantly create an environment for the player to develop a positive attitude and strong work ethic.

This a key asset which has seen Claremont premiership player and Sandover Medallist Kane Mitchell get rewarded and drafted into the AFL system.

Two previous coaches from the Claremont Football Club and District Simon McPhee and Tom Morrison are examples of the pathway. McPhee began his journey at community level before getting involved at WAFL colts and reserves level, he was then promoted to WAFL league level where he coached Claremont's premiership in 2011 and earned a position at St Kilda as their development coach which he still holds.

Morrison followed a similar path by beginning at community level with the Swanbourne JFC, volunteered his time as a development squad coach with Claremont through all age groups (14s, 15s, 16s) and in 2012 was appointed as the WA State 16s assistant coach and just


recently, a move to Sydney has seen him land a position with the Sydney Swans Academy under the guidance of the great Paul Roos.

While McPhee is the more experienced of the two, they both displayed similarities in their approach to coaching. They are both extremely dedicated to their roles as coaches and understood the importance of the job. They concentrated fully on the development of players with in their group and always put a player's development ahead of winning. Further down the track the result of winning came as a by product of long term investment into a player's individual development, as McPhee experienced in 2011.

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Dingwall Keeps Family Tradition Going

By Ken Casellas

Football clubs are not just about the players. There are a host of other people who make the club tick. And volunteers, the behind-the-scenes workers, are among the most precious of the many unsung heroes at the Claremont Football Club.

A shining light is Ron Dingwall, whose family has an unbroken connection with Claremont since the club, originally known as Claremont-Cottesloe, was formed in 1926.

Ron, who celebrates his 76th birthday on March 28, has been a devoted volunteer for the past 14 years and received a Merit award at the club's annual meeting in December in acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution.

He has been at the forefront of legendary Arthur Smith's team of workers at Royal Show parking and on the days when concerts have been held at the Showground. Arthur, a former long-standing club director, was the co-ordinator of show parking for many years until he handed the reins over to Ron a couple of years ago.

Arthur is still playing a major role in the organisation of parking on the oval, but it is the unobtrusive and diligent Dingwall who now commands the troops on the field of battle.

Ron's grandfather, William Nye Dingwall, was born in Ballarat and moved to Western Australia in 1880. He married and settled in Hawkstone Street, North Cottesloe. One of his seven children was Ernest Dingwall, Ron's father who started playing football for Cottesloe Primary School in 1914 before graduating to the Cottesloe Bridge Club and then to the Metropolitan Juniors competition.

"Grandpop was always in the background as president or vice-president of Dad's junior teams and he was among a group of men who met in the Albion Hotel in the mid-1920s to discuss the formation of the Claremont-Cottesloe Football Club," said Ron Dingwall.

William Dingwall was a well-known identity in the Cottesloe, Swanbourne and Claremont areas. He was the local woodman who had a wood yard in Florence Street, Cottesloe. He was a founding member of the Claremont-Cottesloe Football Club and served on the committee in the club's inaugural year in 1926 and in 1927. He also was the club's first timekeeper.

Ernest Dingwall played at centre-half-back for the Tigers, wearing the No. 2 jumper. He made his league debut in 1931 and represented the club in 44 senior matches and in about another 40 in the reserves side.

"Dad was captured in Crete when I was three and was a prisoner of war in Germany, at Stalag 13 near Hamburg, for five years," Ron said.



"I didn't see him for six years and grandpop brought me up. Every Sunday night he would come to our house with a jigsaw puzzle of Phar Lap and throw the pieces on to the dining room table and get out his big fob watch to time me. I had to get a second or two quicker every week. He'd tell me off if I didn't."

Ron was born on Easter Friday in 1937 and was only a few weeks old when his parents took him to Claremont Oval in his pram for his first appearance as a Tigers fan at a WAFL match. "The Dingwalls were avid fans and never missed a week," he said.

Young Ron played Cobbers (under-14) football before he was lured away to play hockey. He was a champion sprinter at Fremantle Boys and was an under-age interschool champion in 1951. He competed at State championships for many years and won junior titles. It was at athletics carnivals at Leederville Oval where he first met John and Frank O'Connell.

It was Ron's speed which enabled him to develop into a good hockey player as a right winger. "I always wanted to represent Australia at something," he said. "I played hockey for Fremantle, but I was not good enough to play for Australia. Once I was chosen in a Possibles versus Probables under-18 match.

"I was in the Probables side, but unfortunately I flicked the ball to my inner right and broke his collarbone --- and I don't think the selectors were impressed. He was one of the best players, and my hockey career went downhill."

Ron was too young to remember anything about Claremont's first three premierships, in 1938-39-40 and it remains a great

disappointment that he missed the club's next premiership, in 1964. "I always wanted to go to the Olympics, and in 1964 I travelled on the Oriana to Tokyo for the Games," he said. "We were berthed in Tokyo Harbour on grand final day and Mum rang me with the result (when Claremont beat East Fremantle by four points). Ron and his mates celebrated deep into the night.

Claremont's next grand final appearance came in 1972 when Ron was in Munich for the Olympic Games. The Tigers lost to East Perth in the rain. And Ron then had to wait until 1981 to watch Claremont play in their next grand final. He sat in the old wooden grandstand at Subiaco Oval and the 15-point victory over South Fremantle remains his most treasured moment in football. He had celebrated his 21st birthday with a party in the change rooms at Claremont Oval 23 years earlier. Again, he celebrated hard and awoke on the Sunday morning at Claremont Oval.

After working for Boans for 20 years, the final nine as store manager, Ron ran two service stations before he retired at 61 to help look after his ill mother. It was then that he became a Claremont volunteer. "I well remember my first morning as a show parker," he says. "I was on the 7-11am shift and the late Bob Lee was telling me to park the cars in three different spots, while dear old Arthur (Smith) was younger and more volatile and was instructing me to park them closer together."

It was four years ago when Arthur fractured a collarbone on the eve of the Royal Show. "I got a phone call from him from hospital, telling me that 'you're it,' he said. "No one really knew me and when I turned up at the oval everyone said 'we're not doing anything until Arthur 'tells us.' I had never even spoken to Todd (Shimmon) or Penny (Wells) and it was this weekend that Todd became ill and I was left with a very large amount of cash. I had the money all the weekend and did not sleep a wink."

Ron, who also works two days a week as a volunteer for Royal Perth Hospital, driving people to and from Armadale to the Shenton Park annexe for rehabilitation after brain tumours, strokes, knee and hip reconstructions, thoroughly enjoys his involvement as a show parker, despite occasional contretemps with customers. Two years ago he almost lost a finger when an irate lady in an Audi slammed the oval gate in rage after being told that there were no vacant spots left on the ground.

And then at a Big Day Out concert recently an inebriated female proudly showed Ron a tattoo on her arm and promptly vomited all over him. "Fortunately, I had my bathers and was able to go to the Claremont Pool," said Ron. These happenings are all in a day's work for volunteers at Tigerland.

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Claremont Football Club Ball Legend 2013

Moloney Ranks As One Of The Greatest

By Ken Casellas

The name Moloney is revered at the Claremont Football Club and the late George Moloney is arguably the greatest player to have represented the club.

Remarkably versatile, he was a champion centreman and an outstanding full-forward who was captain of Claremont's first three premierships sides in 1938, 1939 and 1940. And he won the 1936 Sandover Medal and was the leading WAFL goalkicker in 1940.

Moloney, who died at the age of 73 in 1983, was the league side's fairest-and-best player twice (in 1936 and 1938), he headed the club's goalkicking list a record six times and was coach for seven years. Now he has been afforded the honour as the club's 2013 match-day legend.

He was a promising junior, playing as a rover, who broke into the Tigers league side (then known as Claremont-Cottesloe) as a half-forward flanker at the age of 18 in 1927. For that privilege he had to pay ten shillings (\$1) for club membership, make his own way to the ground on public transport and pay for ground admission at the turnstiles.

Though only 174cm tall (5ft. 8in.), Moloney quickly developed into a magnificent full-forward who thrilled the fans with his deadly-accurate kicking, either from set shots or with dazzling snap shots from acute angles. He was fast and elusive and strong overhead. He made his interstate debut three days after his 20th birthday when he kicked three goals and helped Western Australia to beat South Australia by five points at Perth Oval in 1929. A year later he kicked 19 goals in five matches for WA at the Australian carnival in Adelaide.

Moloney then was recruited by Geelong and in his VFL debut in 1931 he booted seven goals against Collingwood before scoring 12 goals against St Kilda the following week. He played 88 matches in five seasons for the Cats, scoring 303 goals. He headed the VFL goalkicking list with 109 goals in 1932 and in the same year was runner-up to Haydn Bunton sen. for the Brownlow Medal.

In his final year in the VFL Moloney was an instant sensation when used in the centre. He resumed with Claremont in 1936 as a centreman when he won the Sandover Medal and played a major role in the Tigers contesting the grand final for the first time, losing by 11 points to East Perth. Moloney then appeared in the next five grand finals (including the draw against East Fremantle and re-match in 1938).

After three years as Claremont's centreman, Moloney returned to the full-forward position in 1939, kicking 82 goals. He scored 129 goals the following year to head the WAFL list and

followed with 108 goals in the 1941 season. He was an ornament to the game and played 190 league matches for the Tigers, kicking 555 goals.

Moloney, who coached Claremont's league side in 1943-44-45 and 1948-49-50-51, was WA's coach in 1958 and 1959. He represented WA 11 times and Victoria once and he served on Claremont's committee of management in the 1950s, rising to the rank of vice-president, as well as being a club delegate to the WAFL.

Moloney and his younger siblings Bob and Syd hold the unique distinction of being the only three brothers to have played league football together with Claremont. Bob made 103 league appearances for the Tigers and Syd played 145 matches. Brothers Graham, Malcolm and Dalton Gooding, Wayne, Russell and Brad Reynolds and Clayton, Cameron and Chris Lewis

all played league football for Claremont, but these trios were never teammates together on the same day.

The Moloney name lives on at Claremont, with Blake Anderson, who is back at the club this year, training enthusiastically after taking last year off to travel. Anderson, a speedy and creative utility player, has made 23 league appearances. His mother Kerry is a daughter of the late Syd Moloney, a formidable defender who played in Claremont's 1938 and 1939 premierships sides before he injured an ankle in the 1940 preliminary final and was forced to miss the grand final, this ending his sequence of 91 consecutive matches.

